

# St. Francis of Assisi Church

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*Lord make me an  
instrument of peace...*



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## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS PRESIDENT

Jane Younger 785-259-3374

## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 8:00 am  
Wednesday - 7:30 am

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday - 7:30 am

BAPTISMS - Preparation class  
required for first time parents  
and inactive Catholics.  
Contact Lilly to schedule.

MARRIAGES - Couples anticipating  
marriage must contact Lilly at least  
6 months prior to wedding date.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Holy Family Elementary 785-625-3131

[www/hfehays.org](http://www/hfehays.org)

Thomas More Prep-Marian 785-625-6577

[www.tmp-m.org](http://www.tmp-m.org)

**Sunday, April 21, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. April 21	8:00 am	L/D Tony & Wilma Seib family
Wed. April 24	7:30 am	L/D DJ & Margie Pfannenstiel family
Sun. April 28	8:00 am	L/D Tony & Wilma Seib family
Wed. May 1	7:30 am	L/D Arthur & Hattie Wagner family

**SERVERS**

Sun April 21	Cali Richmeier & Rafe Richmeier
Sun April 28	Alec Gerstner & Rexton Leiker

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Sun April 21	John M, Amy P, Josh W, Tina W.
Sun April 28	Ken R, Peggy R, Wendy R, Tony S.

**LECTORS                      OFFERTORY GIFTS**

Sun Apr 21	Lilly Binder	Randy & Michelle Werth
Sun Apr 28	Gene Gottschalk	Josh & Tina Waddell

**GREETERS**

Sun April 21	Darold & Evelyn Younker
Sun April 28	Brandon & Brandi Zimmerman

**COLLECTION TEAM**

**Sunday, April 21**


Wilbert Gross, David Leiker, Nathan Leiker, Donovan Richmeier

**Sunday, April 28**

Kyle Jones, Larry Koirth, John Moeder, Trenton Staley

**TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS**

Sunday, April 21	Jeff & Wendy Richmeier
Sunday, April 28	Tony & Patty Rohr
Sunday, May 5	Aaron & Kolleen Dome
Sunday, May 12	Ken & Peggy Richmeier

<b>Tithe ~ Stewardship of Treasure</b>		
Envelopes	\$2,190.00	
Loose	\$124.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,314.00</b>	

**FROM THE DESK OF CODY MARINTZER**

**Working For Pay, Or Working For The Kingdom?**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us a hired man cares for his own hide and runs away in the face of danger. A true shepherd will die for his sheep.

As we go through our lives, what is the driving force behind why we do what we do? Every one of us has been given a vocation, and a vocation is a call from God to love and serve Him and His church in a specific way. Stated another way, I think it could be said that this is the specific way God wants us to help save souls.

As a married man, my vocation is to my family. It is my responsibility to live in such a way that I am doing my best to get them to one day be with our Heavenly Father. The question then becomes, am I a shepherd of my family or a hired hand? Am I doing everything I can to be a witness of Christ to my family and protecting them from the evils of the world, or am I letting earthly desires and/or concerns get in the way of my mission and their vocation?

So, what happens when we become hired hands instead of shepherds? Parents worry about the wolves of the fear of missing out for their children and give into things that draw their children away from their vocation. Look at the shortage of priests and religious vocations we currently have. This is not due to a lack of God calling them, but to a lack of our society's answering. We also know that marriage rates are at an all time low. We see the same wolves of the fear of missing out rearing their ugly heads here. People want to "keep their options open" instead of making a commitment. Instead of being shepherds of the beautiful gift of matrimony, many people have become hired hands that run away when difficulty arises. So, the vocational call to Holy orders and the religious life is not the only one suffering. We are in general lacking in all vocations.

Instead of understanding God is calling each one of us to shepherd others into His kingdom, many see this life as just trying to pass time between one pleasurable experience to the next. A hired hand that is just waiting for the work day to be over so they can go play. When this becomes our worldview, we can see why people don't want to choose a path that requires sacrifice.

But not all is lost. We can overcome the wolves of the fear of missing out by truly trusting in God. Whatever He has planned for us and our loved ones is what will bring us true peace and joy in this world and the next. Not only will we not be missing out, but we will be gaining the kingdom!

I leave you with one of my favorite pieces of scripture that will keep us centered on God and not worrying about the anxieties of this world. It is from the Gospel of Matthew 6:25

"Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what

you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

**Religious Education:** Wednesday 6:30 pm

**First Communion** - Sunday, May 5th

**Confirmation** - Sunday, June 30th

## Church news

### Pastoral/Finance Council Update:

#### Church:

- Purchase another cordless mic to have two available when additional priests, Bishop or Deacon are here.
- Wrapping garage door frame, fascia in near future.
- Repair deteriorating south wall and entrance areas.

#### Parish Hall:

- Purchasing a tankless water heater.

#### Munior School:

- Approval of bids for new ceiling mount heater & gym floor repairs from recent fire damage caused by heater. Insurance covering less \$2,500.00 deductible.
- Screen on soffit is completed.
- K of C will donate and install a canopy on East side of building for additional protection when cooking outside for various events.

#### Miscellaneous:

- Air compressor purchased for grounds maintenance needs.
- Parish Pictorial Directory: June 4th & 5th.
- Pastoral Council Election in June. If you are interested in serving on the Council, please contact Lilly or drop your name in the collection basket.

## EVENTS IN THE HEARTLAND

**The Sunflower Polka Club** is hosting two days of dancing and fun at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2350 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Hays, on Sat. April 20, from 1 to 7pm, featuring Julie Lee & Wes Windholz, and on Sun., April 21, Free Polka Mass at 11:15am, dancing begins at 1 to 4pm with Julie Lee. Admission on Sat. \$15.00 and Sun. \$10.00, both day \$20.00. Food available. Put on your dancing shoes and join us. Everyone welcome!!!

**The Perpetual Adoration Chapel openings:** Thursdays, at 1am; Saturdays, at 2pm; and Sundays, at 1am and at 7am. Contact Geri Rupp 785-639-5588.

**The D of I will be celebrating its 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary** on April 21, at the 10am Mass, at IHM. A rosary will be prayed at 9:30am, prior to Mass.

**MEMORIAL MASS REGISTRATION:** Registration for the Memorial Mass for parents who have lost a child is now open! Masses will be held on May 7th at 2pm at St. Thomas More Parish in Manhattan and on May 8th at 2pm in Plainville. Please register for this event here on the diocese's website. <https://salinadiocese.org/events>



**National Day of Prayer ~ May 2nd**  
Noon - 1:00 pm at the VFW Ballroom.  
*Let's come together as a nation to pray for our nation!*

**Reuse & Recycle for Catholic Charities.** Catholic Charities uses the white, plastic Dillons Pickup bags for their outreach services. They are useful in preparing the food and personal hygiene bags that are distributed to families. If you would like to donate your bags for this service, please call Catholic Charities at 785-625-2644.



Larry Roda, Kenny Pfannenstiel, Special Intentions, Becky Robben, Maya Gottschalk, Carla Meier, Terry Hauschel, Theo Leiker, Chris Brull, Carol Carter, Parishioners in Health Care Facilities.

*Drop requests in the collection basket or let Lilly know.*

*Please let Lilly know when the intention can be removed.*

**Stewardship Renewal Forms:** To date 49% have been returned. **Do we have yours?** All parish families are asked to return them. Thank you if you have already done so.

*What gifts of time, talent and treasure will you share?*

**APRIL Human Trafficking Alert** There is no more pernicious abuse of power than human trafficking. This modern-day slavery is a crime that takes all of us, working together, to eradicate. Alliance to End Human Trafficking—Founded and supported by U.S. Catholic Sisters, 7575 Grand River Ave. 1-1009, Brighton, MI 48114.

**BIBLE REFLECTION ~ STEWARDSHIP GOAL**

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16*

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

**St. Joseph Sacred Heart Room (St. Joseph Parish Office, Hays.** Do you have statues, palms, rosaries, prayerbooks, medals or relics that were given to you or that were your parents' and you just don't know what to do with them? Don't throw them away! Broken rosaries will get repaired and find a new home, palms and other non-repairable items will be buried. Many items will find a new home.

**PRAYER FOR MOISTURE:** O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to quench our parched land. We pray for moisture that will sustain our crops and land. Help us always be good stewards of your creation and to care for the many resources of this earth. We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen

*St. Isidore, Patron of Farmers and Farm Life—Pray for Us.*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**



**HOLY FAMILY ELEMENTARY**

Mandy Meagher Principal  
(785) 625-3131

Apr 26 Race for Education Day



**THOMAS MORE PREP- MARIAN**

Chad Meitner, Principal

Melissa Schoepf, Jr. High Assistant Principal  
(785) 625-6577

Apr 26 ACE Preview Party 7–9 pm

Apr 27 ACE Auction 5—11 pm

**High School Retreat. *How to Live Out Your Catholic Faith.*** Join us on a transformative journey of spiritual growth and community connection, exploring practical ways to embody and deepen your Catholic Faith in your daily life. April 28th, 9 am—5 pm Salina, KS \$5 per person.

**Family Perspective ...Bud Ozar**

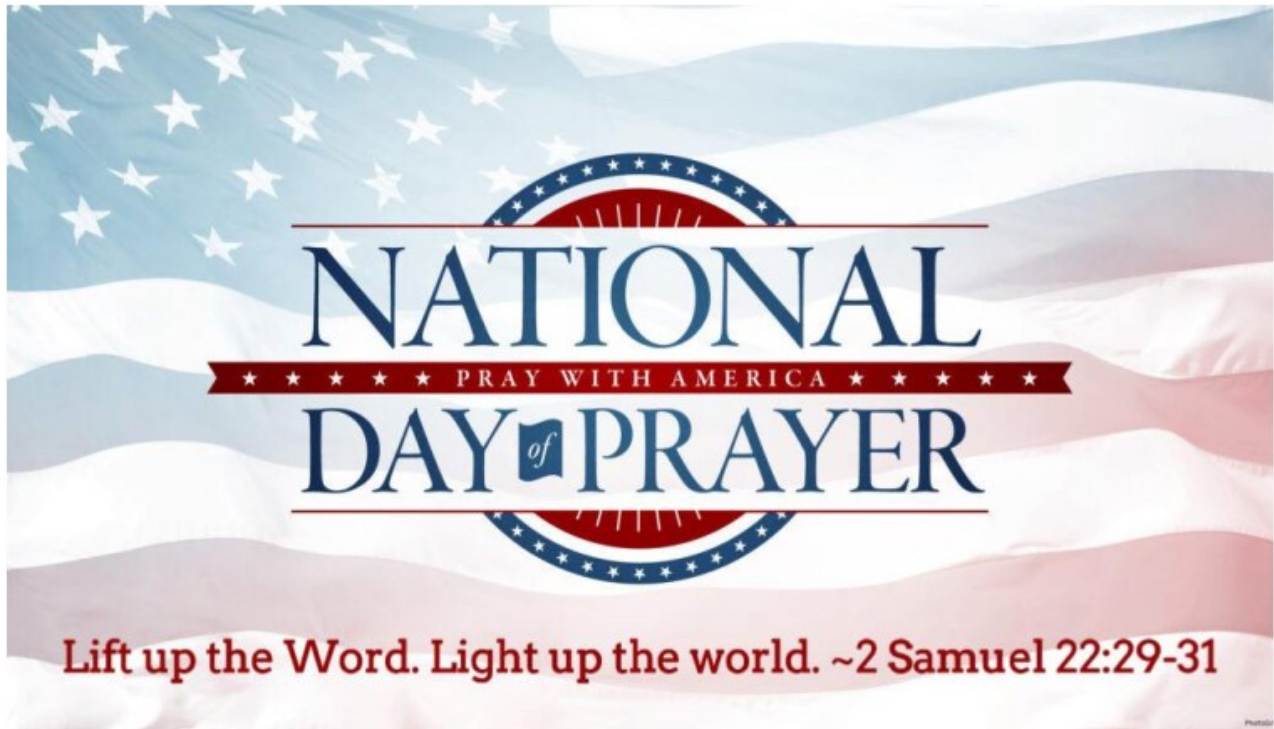
Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

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**Mission Statement:**

*St. Francis of Assisi Parish is built on a foundation of faith. We continue that spirit by welcoming all people to participate in our spiritual growth. As we are called to love God and and be examples of his teachings, we strive for unity through fellowship and participation in all areas of the Catholic faith.*

Sunday, April 21, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter



Date: Thursday May 2, 2024

Time: 12:00-1:00pm

Place: VFW Ballroom

2106 Vine St.

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